GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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USE OF SEA WATER FOR AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to explore the use of sea water after desalinization for Agriculture; and

(b) if so, the plans drawn up and the areas identified alongwith the areas where the process has already started particularly coastal line of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, the National Common Minimum Programme of the United progressive Alliance Government inter-alia states that "to put an end to the acute drinking water shortage in cities, especially in southern states, desalination plants will be installed all along the Coromandel Coast starting with Chennai."